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**BY HAND DELIVERY**

The Honorable Cheryl Pollak  
The Honorable Gary Brown  
The Honorable Ramon Reyes  
United States Magistrate Judges  
Eastern District of New York  
225 Cadman Plaza East  
Brooklyn, New York 11201

**Re: *Thies v. Federal Emergency Management Agency, et al.,***  
Civil Action No. CV-13-6363 (E.D.N.Y.) (Chen, J.) (Bloom, M.J.)  
Civil Action No. MC-14-41 (Pollak, M.J.) (Brown, M.J.) (Reyes, M.J.)

Dear Magistrate Judges Pollak, Brown, and Reyes:

The undersigned Assistant United States Attorney writes in response to Case Management Order No. 4 issued in the above-referenced case, which requires defendants to either file an Answer by May 7, 2014 or provide an explanation as to why they have not yet answered. On April 11, 2014, Judge Chen issued an order staying all Case Management Order deadlines in this case in order to permit FEMA to consider the supplemental claim information that plaintiffs recently submitted and determine whether additional litigation can be avoided in this case. Accordingly, defendant's time to answer, move, or otherwise respond has not yet expired.

Thank you for Your Honors' consideration of this submission.

Respectfully submitted,

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